

Facilities

Chapels

St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel

The present Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas was built in 1917. E.L. Masqueray, who also designed the St. Paul Cathedral and the Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis, was the architect. The university's chapel is an excellent example of the classicized mode of design that emanated from the Ecole des Beaux Arts during the early years of the twentieth century.

The luminous stained glass, designed by Chester Leighton of Minneapolis, and the paintings containing sacred and secular details by Joseph Capecchi and Carl Olson, were installed in the 1940s. The chapel was renovated in 1987.

In 1987, a three-manual 56-rank mechanical action pipe organ, designed and built by Gabriel Kney of London, Ontario (Canada), was installed.

St. Mary's Chapel

St. Mary's Chapel was built for The Saint Paul Seminary in 1901. Designed by Clarence H. Johnston in basilica style, it blends Romanesque and Byzantine architecture. The stained glass and murals were created by Bancel LaFarge in the 1930s.

The chapel was renovated in 1973, and again in 1988, at which time a new sanctuary area was created in the north end of the chapel allowing the apse area to become the environment for the baptismal font and new access to the chapel.

In the spring of 2000 a two-manual, 20-stop mechanical action pipe organ designed by Noack Organ Company of Georgetown, Massachusetts, will be installed.

St. John Vianney Chapel

The college seminary chapel was redesigned in 1998 by the Reverend Peter Christiansen, the current rector. The theme of the chapel is "The Tree of Life." The chapel, an adjoining Eucharistic chapel, and an adjacent prayer room, replicating a medieval monastic cloister, are open for anyone wishing to use them.

Florance Chapel

The Florance Chapel is the lower chapel in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel. An award-winning design in its renovation, it incorporates modern furnishings in the prairie school style of Frank Lloyd Wright along with some of the oldest sacred sculptural artwork owned by the university.

University Libraries

The University of St. Thomas libraries contain more than 458,000 book volumes, 2,295 periodical subscriptions and numerous electronic databases.

O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library

The O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library Center is the principal library on the main campus, housing (in addition to the general and reference collections) the university Archives and Special Collections Department. The latter contains the Celtic Collection, one of the most outstanding collections of its type in this country, and a notable collection of Hilaire Belloc and G.K. Chesterton.

Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library

The Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library, located on the south campus, is the graduate theological library which primarily serves the School of Divinity.

Minneapolis Campus

The library at the downtown Minneapolis campus supports students, faculty and staff involved in the courses offered at that location.

Cooperating Libraries in Consortium (CLIC) allows students to obtain books and periodical articles from other CLIC libraries. CLICnet, the computerized public access catalog, serves Augsburg College, Bethel College, Concordia College, Hamline University, Hamline Law School, Macalester College, The College of St. Catherine, and the University of St. Thomas. Interlibrary loans for materials not owned by the university are available within the CLIC institutions.

Another cooperative venture, MINITEX (The Minnesota Interlibrary Telecommunications Exchange) links the university with more than 200 libraries throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North and South Dakota. Periodical holdings for all MINITEX member libraries are listed in the Minnesota Union List of Serials (MULS) and are available at the reference Desk, as well as the necessary request forms.

National interlibrary requests are available and further information about this can be obtained from the ILL Office.

The library staff offers a wide range of services to support coursework and research. Reference librarians provide individual help as well as classroom instruction in the use of library materials. Searches of on-line databases can be arranged by calling the reference librarians. A copy center is located on the Lower Level of the O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library. Group study rooms are available throughout the library, and a limited number of individual study carrels are assigned for a semester at a time. Reserve materials can be found adjacent to the Circulation Desk.

Computer Labs

The Learning Center, on the lower level of O'Shaughnessy Educational Center, is the central computer lab and media facility at the university. IBM, Macintosh, and Alpha networks are available, plus audio and video playback and editing systems.

Computer labs are available in the Christ Child Building, McNeely Hall, and the Frey Science and Engineering Center. Some departments also have labs for use by their students.

The Department of Mathematics and Center for Applied Math have two computer labs which are open to all students enrolled in mathematics courses.

The Luann Dummer Center for Women

The Luann Dummer Center for Women was established in 1993 by a special bequest from the estate of Dr. Luann Dummer, longtime member of the Department of English and founding director of the Women's Studies Program at the university.

The center aims to foster the intellectual, spiritual and personal development of women. The center serves as a meeting place for women to share their expertise and experience and provides opportunities for students to interact with women role models. Although the center is dedicated especially to women, it is committed to the service of the entire campus community within the context of its mission.

The center sponsors two grants, and beginning in 1996, one research fellowship. The grants are awarded to undergraduate students at the University of St. Thomas to support participation in programs that will enhance their leadership skills, especially in programs which are directed toward public service. The Luann Dummer Undergraduate Fellowship for research about women offers a stipend to an undergraduate scholar pursuing a line of inquiry in any major field.

Science Facilities

The Frey Science and Engineering Center, comprising the O'Shaughnessy Science Hall and the Owens Science Hall, houses the classrooms, instructional and research labs, and faculty/staff offices for the departments of biology, chemistry, engineering, geology, mathematics, Center for Applied Mathematics, physics, and quantitative methods and computer science. It also houses special support facilities such as an attached greenhouse and one-third of the university's computer terminals.

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Theater and Auditoriums

Theatrical productions by campus groups are presented in Foley Theater.

The O'Shaughnessy Educational Center (OEC) auditorium hosts a number of guest lectures, teleconferences and student assemblies.

The Baumgaertner Auditorium in Brady Educational Center (BEC) is used for musical performances and community events.

The 3M Auditorium, located in the Frey Science and Engineering Center, is technologically advanced and hosts a number of course lectures, teleconferences and community events.

The Thornton Auditorium, located at the Minneapolis campus, serves as the site for a number of lectures and presentations.

Athletic Facilities

The athletic facilities at the university provide for student participation in a variety of varsity, intramural and recreational sports.

The 30,000-square-foot Coughlan Field House contains a running track, five volleyball courts, one collegiate-size and four intramural-size basketball courts, four tennis courts and six racquetball courts.

The adjacent Schoenecker Arena accommodates varsity basketball and volleyball and various recreational sports.

Weight-training facilities are housed in O'Shaughnessy Hall, in addition to a pool, squash courts, wrestling facility, two more racquetball courts, a multi-purpose gymnasium and a fully-equipped training room.

Outdoor facilities include a 5,000-seat stadium for football, soccer, and track. The track is an eight-lane poured polyurethane facility completed in 1987.

A 200-seat baseball diamond is located on the north field as well as other facilities for touch football, softball, and intramural soccer.

Additional recreational facilities are located on the south campus. McCarthy Gymnasium has a gymnasium, pool, and four racquetball courts. Six tennis courts, soccer and softball fields provide additional outdoor facilities.

A telephone hotline is provided to keep students informed of the availability of recreational facilities on a day-to-day basis.

University Bookstores

The St. Paul campus Bookstore is located in Murray-Herrick Campus Center. The store sells new and used textbooks, tradebooks, school and office supplies, computers and computer supplies, insignia clothing and gifts, candy, jewelry, tapes and CDs, cards, gifts and magazines.

The Minneapolis campus Bookstore sells textbooks for classes taught at that facility. It also carries many of the same items mentioned above.